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Transferring Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

Docket No. MC2014-28

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued July 15, 2014)

In the interest of possible clarification of the proposal to transfer Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates) to the competitive product list, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided no later than July 22, 2014.

In Attachment C to the Request of the United States Postal Service to Transfer Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates) to the Competitive Product List, June 25, 2014, the Postal Service proposes language to amend the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). This language would combine the current Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates) and Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates) products into one Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates) product.

Commission Staff suggests alternative MCS language for section 2310.1, Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates), Description, as shown in Attachment 1. Would Staff's amended language be acceptable to the Postal Service? If not, is there other clarifying language that would eliminate redundancies and streamline the MCS language?

2. In paragraph (e) of the Statement of Supporting Justification, the Postal Service indicates that private consolidators, freight forwarders and integrators also offer international shipping arrangements whereby they provide inbound parcel

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delivery services under similar conditions as Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates). Please provide specific examples of private consolidators, freight forwarders and integrators that offer products under similar conditions, the product names, and product attributes. In addition, please specify which products include home delivery.

By the Chairman.

Ruth Y. Goldway

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PART B

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

2310 Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

2310.1 Description

- a. Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates) is designed for the carriage of postal parcels that are tendered by foreign postal operators and eligible for transportation by air.
- b. The insertion of correspondence, with the exception of archived materials, exchanged between persons other than sender and the addressee or persons living with them, is prohibited.
- <u>ea</u>. Inbound <u>Air</u> Parcel Post (at UPU rates) service, with the exception of transit mail, is not sealed against inspection.
- b. The insertion of correspondence, with the exception of archived materials, exchanged between persons other than sender and the addressee or persons living with them, is prohibited.
- dc. Single-Piece Inbound Air-Parcel Post (at UPU rates) service is subject to the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention and the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Regulations.

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e. Reciprocal indemnity based on the weight of the parcel, is included.

Limits of indemnity based on weight correspond to the outbound

limitations for Priority Mail International service specified in the

International Mail Manual.

- fd. Inbound Air-Parcel Post (at UPU rates) includes transit revenue for air parcels transiting from a foreign country to another foreign country through the United States.
- e. Postage and other charges paid by the sender are determined by the country of origin.

Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

- a. Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates) is designed for the carriage of postal parcels that are tendered by foreign postal operators and eligible for transportation by air.
- <u>b.</u> Reciprocal indemnity based on the weight of the parcel is included.
 <u>Limits of indemnity based on weight correspond to the outbound limitations for Priority Mail International service specified in the International Mail Manual.</u>

Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

a. Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates) is designed for the carriage of postal parcels that are tendered by foreign postal operators and eligible for transport by a non-priority (surface) network.

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b. Indemnity for Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates) based on the weight of the parcel is included.